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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2001 (Paper No. 7), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--In a preferred embodiment, the disease marker is a protein, preferably a protein having a N-terminal sequence selected from:
EDASSDSTGA DPAQ(E/Q)AGTSQ PNEDIAG (SEQ ID NO: 1);
WDPKE: (SEQ ID NO: 2); and
DSGCKLLEDM VEKTINSDIS IPEYKELLQE FIDSDAAAEA MGKFKQCFLN
QSHRTLKNFG LMMHTVYDSI WCNL (SEQ ID NO: 3).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--In a second aspect, the present invention consists of a protein marker detectable in tears having an N-terminus selected from:
EDASSDSTGA DPAQ(E/Q)AGTSQ PNEDIAG (SEQ ID NO: 1);
WDPKE: (SEQ ID NO: 2); and
DSGCKLLEDM VEKTINSDIS IPEYKELLQE FIDSDAAAEA MGKFKQCFLN
QSHRTLKNFG LMMHTVYDSI WCNL (SEQ ID NO: 3).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 20 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Preferably, the protein marker detectable in tears includes the amino acid sequence:
EDASSDSTGA DPAQ(E/Q)AGTSQ PNEDIAG (SEQ ID NO: 1);

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